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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Title as follows:

--METHOD FOR FORMATTING OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AT RECORDING POWER LESS THAN RECORDING POWER TO BE USED FOR RECORDING, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FORMATTED BY THE METHOD--.

Please amend the Brief Description Of The Drawings section in the following manner:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 shows a flow chart for a method for formatting a phase-change optical disk according to an example of this disclosure.

The single Figure 2 is a highly simplified and diagrammatic view of an example of apparatus for formatting a phase-change optical disk for use in the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 as follows:

In the method for formatting a phase-change optical disk according to the present invention, there is employed an apparatus for formatting phase-change optical disk, comprising (a) a drive control substrate on which a CPU for controlling an optical disk drive or other disk drive, a ROM for storing data such as flash ROM (flash memory), and an interface such as ATAPI or SCSI are mounted, and (b) an optical disk drive, and the method comprises the steps of conducting power calibration a plurality of times to obtain a plurality of recording powers corresponding to the number of the power calibrations conducted (step S11), calculating an average recording power (step S13) from the plurality of recording powers obtained, multiplying the average recording power by a predetermined coefficient to obtain a recording power for formatting, and formatting a phase-change optical disk in accordance with the recording power for formatting (step S15).

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Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 as follows:

An example of [[the]] an apparatus 20 for formatting a phase-change optical disk 29 for use in the present invention will now be explained.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 3-10 as follows:

The apparatus 20 comprises a phase-change optical disk drive 21, and a drive control substrate 22 on which a CPU 23 for controlling the phase-change optical disk drive, a ROM 24 for storing data, such as a flash ROM (flash memory) for storing information peculiar to the application, such as UDF data and file structure data, and a format program for carrying out the application, and a drive interface 25 such as ATAPI or SCSI are mounted.